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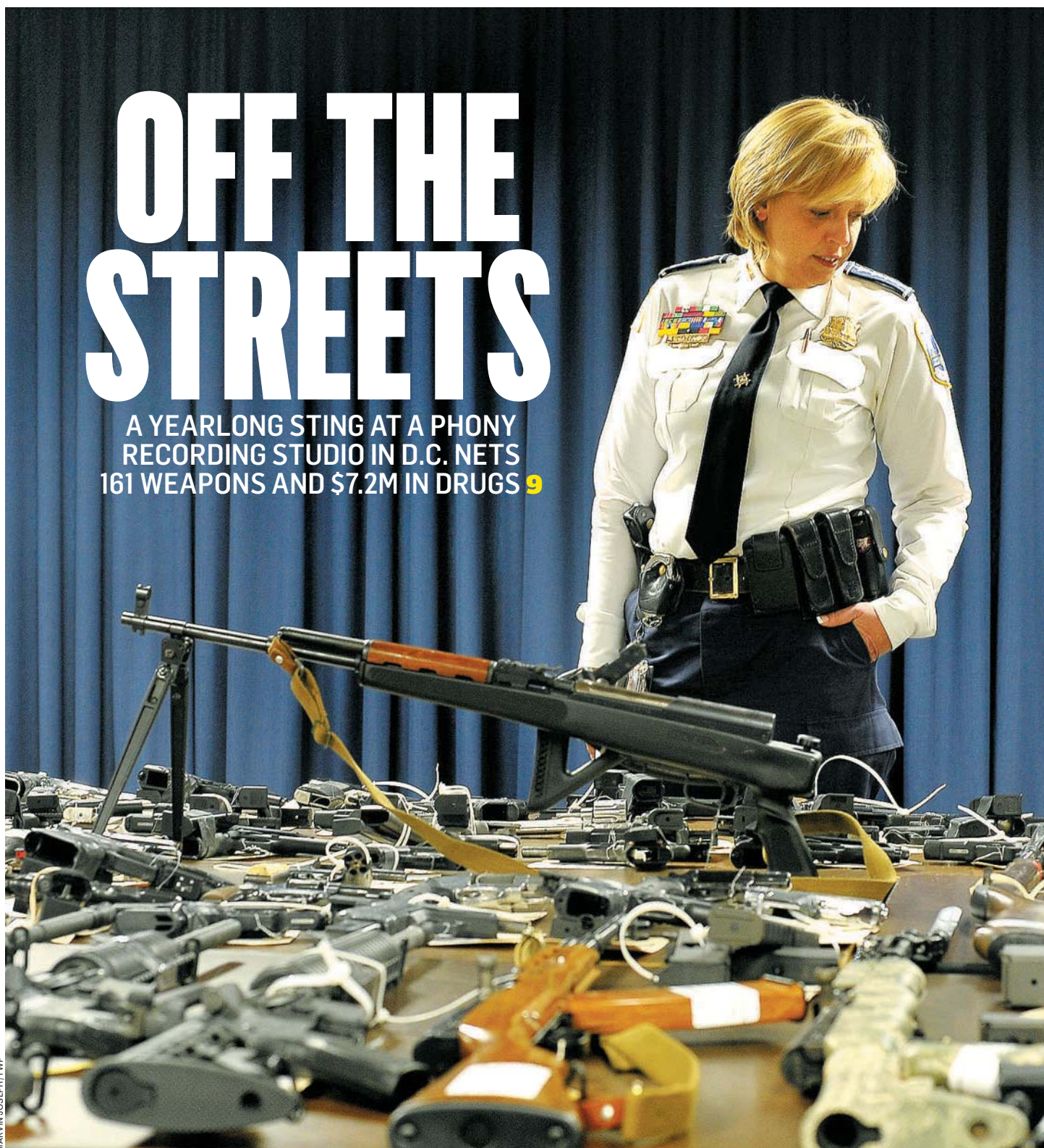


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Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier stands over dozens of weapons that were confiscated as part of a massive operation. Officials said 70 people were arrested in the sting.





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## VEHICLES

## Police Pursue in Tractor, Combine and Earthmover

Modesto, Calif., police used a stun gun to subdue a forklift thief who led officers on a 10-mile chase. Jerry Depalma stole the 25-ton forklift, which can travel at a maximum speed of 25 mph, Sunday morning. Depalma jumped off the forklift and ran into an orchard, where officers used a stun gun to arrest him. Investigators believe he planned to sell the forklift for metal scrap. (AP)

## TEACHABLE MOMENTS

## Masterful Illustration of Alcohol-Impaired Judgment

A Wyckoff, N.J., police officer was charged with drunken driving just hours after he was given controlled amounts of alcohol during a class, allowing officers to see his responses. After the class, he crashed the all-terrain vehicle he was driving Thursday. (AP)

## WEIRD EXAMPLES

## A Box of Kleenex Doesn't Fit in the Back of a Fiat 500

A model of an American jet fighter has disappeared from a Dutch museum, and its owners are hoping pranksters rather than scrap-metal thieves are responsible. Edwin van Brakel of the Museum Vliegbasis Deelen says the model was discovered missing Sunday. He said it is a mystery how thieves moved the thing, which is about 33 feet long and weighs about 1,100 pounds. He says, "It would not fit in the back of a Fiat 500." (AP)

## The Big Picture



ERIC S. SWIST/CONROE COURIER, AP

**"I WANT KIBBLE, MAYBE SOME BITS":** Rupert, a 7-month-old dachshund, licks the face of volunteer Patrick Ashton, dressed as Santa Claus, during a fundraising event for the Montgomery County Animal Shelter at a PetSmart store on Sunday in Shenandoah, Texas. (AP)

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# \$1M in Attack Ads Hurt Gingrich

GOP hopeful's slide in Iowa highlights newfound troubles

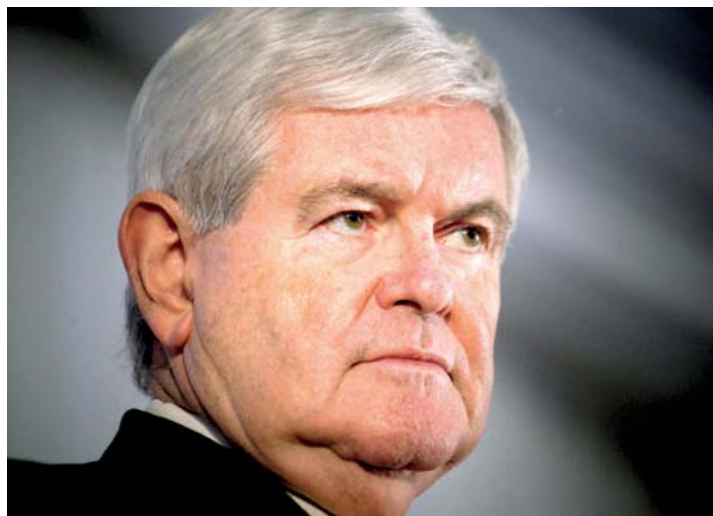
## Manchester, Iowa

More than \$1 million in negative advertising — much of it bankrolled by Mitt Romney's allies — has eroded Newt Gingrich's standing in Iowa and thrown the Republican presidential race here wide open two weeks before the first votes.

The former House speaker's Iowa slide mirrors his newfound troubles nationally, and it has boosted Romney's confidence while fueling talk that libertarian-leaning Texas Rep. Ron Paul could pull off a win in the leadoff caucus state on Jan. 3.

"It's very disappointing to see so many of my friends who are running put out such negative junk," Gingrich said Monday as he arrived in Davenport, poking at his opponents even as he insisted he was running an upbeat campaign. "I really wish they would have the courage to be positive."

Despite his chiding, attacks



MICHAEL NAGLE/GETTY IMAGES

Two weeks before the Iowa caucuses, a strong barrage of negative advertising targeting GOP candidate Newt Gingrich has pushed the presidential race wide open.

## 26%

The portion of Republicans who back Newt Gingrich, according to a Gallup poll released Monday. Mitt Romney's support is 24 percent. (AP)

ers from his failed 2008 bid, plans to spend \$1.4 million more over the next two weeks, including on a new ad beginning Tuesday that's expected to be aimed at Gingrich. That would bring to roughly \$3 million the amount spent by the group against Gingrich.

against him are all but certain to continue. For one, the Restore Our Future political action committee, made up of former Romney staff-

Gingrich's weakened position follows a barrage of advertising that cast him as a longtime Washington, D.C., power-broker. The ads, primar-

## Meanwhile ...

Taking seriously an apparent threat from a collective of computer hackers, the Iowa Republican Party is boosting the security of the electronic systems it will use to count the first votes of the 2012 presidential campaign. The threat has led to confronting a worst-case scenario: an Iowa caucus marred by hackers who corrupt the database used to gather votes and crash the website used to inform the public about results that can shape the campaign for the White House. (AP)

ily financed by so-called super PACs, underscore the power of independent groups after a Supreme Court decision last year that allowed people, unions and corporations to donate unlimited amounts of money to outfits advocating the election or defeat of candidates.

With the caucuses looming in two weeks, the race in Iowa is arguably anyone's to win. And the results here will shape the rest of the state-by-state march to the GOP nomination. THOMAS BEAUMONT (AP)

## In Brief

### AUSTIN, TEXAS

#### ESPN Football Analyst James to Run for Senate



James

ESPN college football analyst Craig James, who starred as a tailback at Southern Methodist University and with the New England Patriots in the 1980s, announced Monday he was running for the U.S. Senate as a Republican from Texas, a GOP fundraiser said. (AP)

### WASHINGTON

#### Accused White House Shooter Held for Trial

Oscar Ramiro Ortega-Hernandez, the man accused of trying to kill President Obama on Nov. 11 by firing several shots at the White House from long range, must remain in custody to protect the public and the president, a federal judge said Monday. (AP)

### ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

#### Deadly Snowstorm Halts Travel in Great Plains

A late-autumn snowstorm lumbered into the Great Plains on Monday, unleashing snow and fierce winds that turned roads to ice, reduced visibility to zero and jeopardized thousands of travel plans. The storm was blamed for at least two deaths in Colorado. (AP)



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## Nation

# AT&T Drops T-Mobile Bid

Company to pay \$4B  
as penalty after \$39B  
merger struck down

### Los Angeles

AT&T said Monday it has dropped its bid to purchase T-Mobile and will pay \$4 billion as a penalty for not completing its deal.

The decision puts an end to an audacious and rocky nine-month quest by the nation's second- and fourth-largest wireless operators to jointly feed America's insatiable appetite for smartphones, tablets and other wireless devices.

But because the \$39 billion deal would have landed AT&T a total of more than 120 million customers, federal regulators fought the merger — the first major corporate deal to be struck down during the Obama administration.

AT&T and Deutsche Telekom,

### Investments

### Looking Ahead

AT&T Chief Executive Randall Stephenson said the company would continue to invest in its wireless network. He called on federal regulators to stay out of the way of the free markets and to make more airwaves available: "The mobile Internet is a dynamic industry that can be a critical driver in restoring American economic growth and job creation, but only if companies are allowed to react quickly."

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

the parent company of T-Mobile, said it tried to find other ways to salvage its deal but ultimately agreed to break it off. The penalty for AT&T was a penalty fee valued at \$4 billion in cash and airwaves.

AT&T, which has poured mil-

lions into its lobbying and legal efforts to win the merger, slammed the government's findings.

The wireless industry "is one of the most fiercely competitive industries in the world," the company said in a statement. "The AT&T and T-Mobile USA combination would have offered an interim solution to this spectrum shortage. In the absence of such steps, customers will be harmed and needed investment will be stifled."

Considering the loss of the merger and the new agreements recently struck by Verizon Wireless and cable companies, analysts question the future of AT&T and T-Mobile.

Deutsche Telekom has signaled its interest in ending its investments in the U.S. and could look for another suitor. But analysts question whether regulators would approve another bid for T-Mobile, given its opposition to the AT&T merger.

CECILIA KANG (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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### THOUSANDS OF POLICE OFFICERS FILL THE STREETS

as the funeral procession for New York Police Department Officer Peter Figoski passes by Monday in Babylon, N.Y. The 22-year police veteran and father of four daughters was shot to death during a botched robbery in Brooklyn on Dec. 12.



### ENVIRONMENT

### Plastic Bags Banned

Seattle officials unanimously voted Monday to ban single-use plastic bags from groceries and other retail stores. The ordinance includes a nickel fee for the use of paper bags from stores. The city's residents use 292 million plastic bags a year. The ban is expected to reduce pollution, free up landfill space and improve the environment. (AP)

# \$9B

The amount of money the Justice Department reported Monday that it has recovered in fraud against the government since the beginning of the Obama administration — a record three-year total. (AP)



# Witness: Manning Wrote of Changing History

## Fort Meade, Md.

The Army intelligence analyst blamed for the biggest leak of secrets in U.S. history boastfully declared that he was changing history in a letter accompanying some of the data he allegedly sent to WikiLeaks, according to a witness in the military's case against Army Pfc. Bradley Manning.

The text was on a data card investigators found among Manning's belongings.

"This is possibly one of the more significant documents of our time, removing the fog of war and revealing the true nature of 21st century asymmetric warfare. Have a good day," the file read.



Army Pfc. Bradley Manning is escorted to a courthouse Monday in Fort Meade, Md.

The letter was projected on a courtroom screen and explained by digital-crimes investigator David Shaver during a hearing to deter-

mine whether Manning will be court-martialed. Shaver said almost 500,000 classified battlefield reports also were on the card.

The letter represented the most forceful piece of evidence introduced in the hearing at an Army installation outside Washington. In a back-and-forth, the prosecution and defense sparred over whether the 24-year-old native of Crescent, Okla., not only had classified files on his computer but also sent them to WikiLeaks for publication.

Until Monday, the defense largely focused on painting Manning as a troubled gay man. Manning's lawyers have yet to acknowledge or deny his responsibility for the leak of U.S. war and diplomatic cables, and a classified military video of an American helicopter attack in Iraq that killed 11 men. DAVID DISH-NEAU AND PAULINE JELINEK (AP)

## Hearsay



**"Things can still be shaken up. Things can change in terms of candidates coming and going."**

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North Koreans cry after learning of the death of their leader, Kim Jong Il, on Monday in Pyongyang, North Korea. Kim died Saturday after suffering a heart attack on a train.

# Day of Mourning in N. Korea

Grief, uncertainty grip country after Kim Jong Il's death

## Pyongyang, N. Korea

North Koreans marched by the thousands Monday to their capital's landmarks to mourn Kim Jong Il, many crying uncontrollably and flailing their arms in grief over the death of their "Dear Leader."

North Korean state media proclaimed his youngest son, Kim Jong Un, a "Great Successor," while a vigilant world watched for any signs of a turbulent transition to the untested leader in an unpredictable nation known to be pursuing nuclear weapons.

South Korea's military went on high alert in the face of the North's 1.2 million-strong armed forces after news of Kim's death after 17 years in power. North Korea said Kim died of a heart attack on Saturday while carrying out official duties on a train trip. President

Obama agreed by phone with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak to closely monitor developments.

On the streets of the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, people wailed in grief, some kneeling on the ground or bowing repeatedly. Children and adults laid flowers at key memorials.

A tearful Kim Yong Ho said Kim Jong Il had made people's lives happier. "That is what he was doing when he died: working, traveling on a train," he said.

Other North Koreans walked past a giant painting of Kim Jong Il and his late father, national founder Kim Il Sung, standing together on Mount Paektu, Kim Jong Il's official birthplace. Wreaths were neatly placed below the painting.

"How could the heavens be so cruel? Please come back, general. We cannot believe you're



## 'Great Successor'

With the sudden death of his father, Kim Jong Un went from being North Korea's "Respected General" to "Great Successor" — a heady and uncertain promotion for a young man virtually unknown even to the North Korean people just a year ago. Word of Kim Jong Il's death, announced Monday two days after he suffered a fatal heart attack, thrusts his 20-something son in the spotlight as the future head of a nation grappling

with difficult nuclear negotiations and chronic food shortages. Within hours of breaking the news of Kim Jong Il's death, state media urged the nation's people to rally around Kim Jong Un and to "faithfully revere" their next leader. The son has not appeared publicly since the announcement of his father's death. (AP)

**"The situation could become extremely volatile. What the North Korean military does in the next 24 to 48 hours will be decisive."**

—BILL RICHARDSON, A FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS WHO HAS MADE SEVERAL HIGH-PROFILE VISITS TO NORTH KOREA.

gone," Hong Son Ok shouted, her body shaking during an interview with North Korea's official television.

The death comes at a sensitive time for North Korea as it prepares for next year's 100th anniversary of the birth of Kim Il Sung. The preparations include massive construction projects throughout the city as part of Kim Jong Il's unfulfilled promise to bring prosperity to his people. RAFAEL WOBER (AP)

## In Brief

### TUNIS, TUNISIA

#### New Tunisian Leader Reaches Out to Jews

Moncef Marzouki, Tunisia's newly elected president called Monday for the country's Jewish population to return, in statements carried by the state news agency. His comments come almost two weeks after Israeli deputy Prime Minister Silvan Shalom called on the country's remaining Jews to emigrate to Israel. (AP)

### BEIRUT

#### Syria OKs Arab Monitors

Syria agreed Monday to an Arab League plan to send foreign monitors, bowing to international pressure to end its bloody crackdown on a nine-month uprising. However, the opposition saw the deal as a stalling tactic, especially given reports by activists that more than 100 people were killed on the same day. (AP)

### ILIGAN, PHILIPPINES

#### Storm's Toll Rises

With funeral parlors overwhelmed, authorities in a flood-stricken southern Philippine city on Monday organized the first mass burial of people who were swept to their deaths in one of the worst calamities to strike the region in decades. The official death toll from Friday's disaster, spawned by a tropical storm, rose to 927. (AP)

### CARACAS, VENEZUELA

#### Ex-Miss Venezuela Dies From Cancer at Age 28

Former Miss Venezuela Eva Ekvall, whose struggle with breast cancer was closely followed by Venezuelans, has died at age 28. Her family said Ekvall died Saturday at a hospital in Houston. (AP)

## \$21.6B

The amount that Spain's next prime minister, Mariano Rajoy, said on Monday his conservative government wants to reduce the country's deficit by next year — warning that very hard times lie ahead for his people. (AP)



## World

## Iraq Issues Warrant for Sunni VP

Top official accused of running hit squad as sectarian ire rises

## Baghdad

Iraq's Shiite-led government issued an arrest warrant Monday for the Sunni vice president, accusing him of running a hit squad that assassinated government and security officials — extraordinary charges a day after the last U.S. troops left the country.

The vice president, Tariq al-Hashemi, left Baghdad on Sunday for the semiautonomous



## Potential Power Play

Sunnis suspect the terrorism charges against vice president Tariq al-Hashemi, left, were politically motivated. Al-Hashemi is an old rival of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's, and the arrest order came two days after the main Sunni-backed political bloc, Iraqiya, suspended its participation in parliament because al-Maliki refused to give up control over key posts. Al-Maliki, a Shiite, has made a series of moves in recent months to consolidate his hold on power. (AP)

Iraqi region of Kurdistan, presumably hoping that Kurdish authorities would not turn him in. Investigative judges banned him the same day from traveling

outside of Iraq.

The move against the country's highest-ranking Sunni official marked a sharp escalation in sectarian tensions, raising fears of

a resurgence of large-scale bloodshed. Although many Iraqis welcomed the American withdrawal, ending the nine-year U.S. war, there are also considerable fears here that violence will worsen.

"Iraq is slipping into its worst nightmares now, and Iraqi people will pay a high price because of the struggle among political blocs after the pullout of U.S. troops," said Baghdad-based political analyst Kadhum al-Muqdadi, a Shiite.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said the Obama administration had expressed its concerns to all of the parties involved regarding the issuing of the warrant. (AP)



## INVESTMENTS

## A Tweet Deal

Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal and his investment company said Monday they are investing \$300 million in Twitter, increasing the microblogging site's cash cushion as its user base expands. Alwaleed ranks 26th on Forbes' list of the world's richest people. (AP)

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# D.C.'s Major Sting

Yearlong operation yields arrests, guns, and more than \$7M worth of drugs

## Washington

Christopher Washington found some good customers inside a Northeast D.C. rowhouse, making deals for revolvers, shotguns, ammunition, crack cocaine and heroin. He kept going back, authorities say, pulling in thousands of dollars.

Then, in June, he offered up hand grenades and a rocket launcher. His customers were eager to buy.

What Washington didn't know at the time: The house, dressed up as a recording studio, was wired by the FBI, and his clients were undercover D.C. police. When an officer listening in on a telephone conversation overheard plans to rob his customers instead, Washington was soon arrested.

Those encounters, described in court papers, were among the many that occurred during a yearlong sting operation that was revealed Monday. Authorities say officers posing as gangsters, crooked businessmen and bodyguards helped snag \$7.2 million in cocaine, methamphetamines and other drugs; buy and capture 161 weapons; and make 70 arrests.

"This was a significant result for the District," D.C. Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier said at a Monday afternoon press conference. "Had those drugs and guns made it to our streets, the consequences would be devastating."

The salesman who claimed he could provide rocket launchers was Washington, according to court papers that say he also sold officers drugs. Another man, James Deale, allegedly sold them AR-15 assault rifles — but also made-to-fit handgun silencers, which police said are rarely found on the streets.

"I never thought guys could get guns as fast as those guys can get guns," said Officer Kief Green, who posed as

## Solving The Case

Police declined to discuss many of the operation's tactical details, but interviews and court documents provided a partial illustration of their methods:

### The Lair

Once inside the Northeast house's iron gate, visitors found gleaming hardwood floors and a flat-screen television in the entryway. Upstairs, a Plexiglas window divided a studio built in a converted bedroom from a sound system, couches, a mini-fridge and a bar.

### The Operation

The hidden audio and video equipment recorded hundreds of hours of meetings and deals struck with undercover officers. Confidential informants lured targets to the studio, courting them with food, beer and high-end tequila. Over days, weeks and months, police worked to set up bigger deals in the D.C. area and in New York, North Carolina, Georgia and West Virginia.

### The Break

A November 2010 meeting led to the eventual arrest of eight men authorities said were connected to the Mexican drug cartel "La Familia." One of them allegedly claimed to run the area's drug operations for the gang, which wanted to establish a methamphetamine market in the District. (TWP)



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## Undercover Leader

The face of the sting operation was D.C. Police Sgt. Dale Sutherland, a veteran of undercover work. Posing as Manic Enterprises impresario Richie Valdez, head of an international string of recording studios, he could convince criminals that he was one of them — and that he wasn't afraid to rob banks and drug dealers to boost his trade in guns and drugs. Valdez's associates were D.C. police narcotics investigators. The team uncovered connections to a Mexican drug cartel and out-of-area gun traders, leading to federal investigations in a half-dozen states and a murder case in El Salvador. The yearlong investigation gave authorities a rare opportunity to fight violent crime by attacking the sources of the dangerous weapons that flow into the city, authorities say. (TWP)

a bodyguard for Manic Enterprises impresario Richie Valdez, in an interview. "Amazing."

In October, after six people were shot — one fatally — in five incidents of gunfire on or after Halloween night, Lanier lamented an "uptick" in the number of gunshots reported in the city, calling the shootings "a symptom of the bigger problem."

Around that time, D.C. police and ATF, FBI and ICE agents were working to wrap up the undercover operation, which used the Northeast house and other locations as bases.

The operation differed from some other recent undercover projects in the District. In 2009, Lanier and federal investigators revealed a sting run out of a phony auto body shop that helped them seize guns, drugs and stolen electronics. During that investigation, police sought to pull guns and drugs off the streets quickly.

"This time it was more of a conversation: 'Give me your résumé of what you do,'" said Lt. Eugene Bentley, who supervised both operations, in an interview. "This was totally different."

CLARENCE WILLIAMS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

**"WE KNOW CRIMINALS HAVE THIS KIND OF STUFF ON THE STREET, BUT WE DON'T GET TO RECOVER IT VERY OFTEN."**

— D.C. POLICE SGT. DALE SUTHERLAND, ON THE COMPLETED STING OPERATION.





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## Will Trolleys Hurt Bus Service?

**Q** The Washington Post reported the estimated cost for the trolley to run on Columbia Pike in Arlington to Skyline Center is at least \$261 million. Columbia Pike receives excellent bus service. Will that be reduced to force riders to the trolleys?

I do know that supporters of the project say the streetcar line should operate more efficiently than the current bus service. I guess at some point after the streetcar line opened, Arlington and Fairfax could decide to cut back on their subsidies for the Metrobus lines, but I think the most likely adjustment in bus service would be on connector routes.

**Dr. Gridlock** offers commuter counseling online at [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com).

**Q** I believe the law in all jurisdictions is yield to pedestrians in crosswalks (where there are no lights). However, that law is universally ignored in Virginia.

You're correct. Drivers should be yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks. (There doesn't need to be a sign there saying so.) Hard to enforce. Police throughout the region have an annual pedestrian safety campaign called StreetSmart in which they pull over cars that violate the law. Sometimes they set up stings in which an officer steps out into the crosswalk and other officers pull over the cars that fail to yield. But violators far outnumber enforcers.

**Q** So, the Orange Line Monday was running at least 11 minutes apart (that I know of) during the height of rush hour. Should we generally assume Metro is as understaffed as most offices this week and next and assume non-rush service?

No change in rush-hour schedules this week. I often get complaints about the gaps in morning rush hour trains on the Orange Line from the folks toward the western end of the line. No matter what the schedule says, trains passing through downtown get bunched up routinely, so by the time they get out to Vienna or West Falls Church and turn back, there may be big gaps.

**Q** Do you know why the Massachusetts Avenue entrance escalators are backward at Union Station (i.e., the up escalator is on the left leaving the station and the down escalator is on the left entering the station)? This causes a lot of unnecessary zigzagging every day when a trainload of MARC passengers entering the mezzanine directly from Union Station meet a mass of Metro riders trying to exit the system.

This is just a guess: Metro might be thinking that people coming down the escalator should be closer to the fare vending machines. But, yes, there's still a lot of cross-over traffic. Would MARC riders be better off using the other entrance to the Metro station, the one over toward First Street?

## Ride On Set For Greener Bus Rides

### Transportation

Montgomery County's Ride On service is adding 13 additional environmentally friendly buses, the county announced Monday.

The bus service bought 12 hybrid electric-diesel buses and one clean diesel bus. The American-made buses were purchased for \$6.55 million dollars using American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds.

The buses emit less nitrogen oxides and less carbon dioxide, and have better fuel economy, according to the county. (TWP)

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The taxi industry has criticized Mayor Vincent Gray's proposal as unfair. Gray says he wants to make the system easier for riders.

# A Taxi Transformation

Mayor unveils plan for major overhaul of D.C.'s cab system

## Washington

Mayor Vincent C. Gray joined two D.C. Council members in unveiling an ambitious bill to overhaul the city's taxicabs Monday, calling it a big step toward a "world-class transportation system" for the city. But a small group of protesters crashed his news conference Monday, denouncing the legislation as unfair to cabdrivers and heralding costly battles to come.

At the John A. Wilson Building news conference, Gray and Council members Mary M. Cheh and Tommy Wells said the bill would make the taxi industry more responsive to residents. It would, among other things, mandate credit-card payment options, satellite

## Potential Changes

Among the bill's other provisions:

- ▶ What is now a paper recordkeeping process would be digitized. The bill would mandate devices that send trip data to the commission in real time and "can record and report all fares and earnings for tax purposes."
- ▶ Cabs would be equipped with roof lights that "clearly identify when a taxicab is occupied, on-call, off-duty or available to accept a fare."

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

navigation systems, new training for drivers and a single paint color for the city's 5,000-plus cabs.

"What we have now is a total top-to-bottom transformation," Gray said.

Under the legislation, to be introduced at Tuesday's council meeting, the D.C. Taxicab Commission could establish a surcharge,

perhaps 50 cents per trip, to help drivers pay for improvements to their vehicles through grants or low-interest loans.

Cheh, D-Ward 3, chairman of the transportation committee, stressed that the public, including drivers, would have multiple opportunities to weigh in on the legislation.

But as she described the details of the bill, one driver interrupted her, shouting, "I haven't heard anything that is going to benefit me."

A few minutes later, another driver verbally sparred with Gray after the mayor said he had previously met with drivers to discuss some of their concerns. "No, you didn't, Vincent," said Larry Frankel, an advocate for some of the District's taxi drivers.

"Don't tell me what I did," Gray responded. MIKE DEBONIS AND TIM CRAIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## In Brief

### RICHMOND, VA.

#### New Budget Would Give Schools a \$438M Boost

Gov. Bob McDonnell's new budget ends hundreds of millions of dollars in inflation allowances for health care and non-classroom public school programs and dramatically scales back pre-kindergarten programs. The retirement system would get a \$2.2 billion boost and public school spending would get a net boost of \$438 million. (AP)

### ANNAPOLIS, MD.

#### Smart Growth Plan OK'd

Gov. Martin O'Malley signed an executive order on Monday to outline how the state's first long-range plan for sustainable growth will be implemented. O'Malley was joined by former governors Harry Hughes and Parris Glendening for the presentation of PlanMaryland. The plan has been opposed by local officials in rural parts of the state. (AP)



Sam Jewler, left, and Kelly Mears ended their hunger strike after two weeks.

### WASHINGTON

#### 3 Occupiers End Fast

Three of the four Occupy D.C. protesters who pledged to refuse food until Congress took action to give representation to D.C. have ended their fast. Sam Jewler ended his hunger strike Monday afternoon after 11 days amid pressure from his family. Fellow striker Kelly Mears broke his fast Thursday night, and Joe Gray ended his Sunday night. (AP)

# D.C. Arts Commission Set To Run Lincoln Theatre

## Washington

The historic Lincoln Theatre where Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald once played on Washington's U Street will soon have new management after worries that it could close.

Mayor Vincent Gray will announce Tuesday that oversight of the city-owned theater will shift from an independent foundation

to the District of Columbia Commission on the Arts and Humanities. The commission will hire a new executive director to create a long-term plan to make the theater self-sustaining.

In September, theater board members said the city cut off subsidies for its operations. Supporters, including neighbor Ben's Chili Bowl, urged city officials to keep the theater open. (AP)

## The Lotteries

### Monday, Dec. 19

#### District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-2-3
Evening Lucky Numbers (Sun.)	5-6-8
Mid-day DC 4	2-9-2-3
Evening DC 4 (Sun.)	4-8-7-3
Mid-day D.C. Five	7-3-6-0-0
Evening D.C. Five (Sun.)	1-7-5-7-5

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

### Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	7-0-9
Evening Pick 3 (Sun.)	7-2-3
Mid-day Pick 4	6-7-1-7
Evening Pick 4 (Sun.)	6-9-8-1
Match 5 (Sun.)	26-29-33-38-39 (23)

### Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	7-4-1
Evening Pick 3 (Sun.)	6-3-7
Mid-day Pick 4	7-7-2-6
Evening Pick 4 (Sun.)	8-6-4-4
Mid-day Cash 5 (Sun.)	5-6-28-29-31
Evening Cash 5 (Sun.)	1-2-3-12-32



**Reaching for Revenue:** Maryland officials are eying online lottery sales as a possible way to attract players and boost revenue for the state. In a new report to lawmakers, the State Lottery Agency concludes that "it is time ... to offer ... products on the Internet to remain competitive and accomplish our core mission." The report cites estimates that lottery sales could increase by 12 to 18 percent once an online program achieves "maturity." (TWP)



## Sports

## In Brief



Joe Paterno is making progress in his cancer fight, according to an AP source.

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL Paterno Out of Hospital

Joe Paterno has been released from the hospital and has shown improvement after being treated for lung cancer, a person close to the former Penn State coach's family said Monday. Paterno's tumor was showing substantial reduction following radiation and chemotherapy, according to the person who spoke on condition of anonymity. (AP)

### MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Orange Tops AP Poll

Syracuse is on top of The Associated Press' college basketball poll for a second week, and UNLV and Virginia are newcomers to the Top 25. The Orange (11-0) received 53 first-place votes Monday from the 64-member national panel. The next six places remained the same from last week: Ohio State, Kentucky, Louisville, North Carolina, Baylor and Duke. (AP)

### PRO FOOTBALL Packers' O-Line Ailing

Green Bay Packers right tackle Bryan Bulaga may be unable to play this week because of a sprained left knee, and backup offensive lineman Derek Sherrod is recovering from surgery on his broken right leg the day after the Packers lost for the first time this season. (AP)

### BOXING Khan Appeal Denied

Amir Khan lost for the second time in a month. The British star, who surrendered the unified super-lightweight title to D.C. native Lamont Peterson on Dec. 10, had his appeal of the points decision rejected by the International Boxing Federation Monday, the BBC reported. (EXPRESS)

# Things Are Looking Up

Redskins show their potential as the year starts to wind down

## The Redskins

Good NFL teams are supposed to peak in December, ideally playing their best football as the playoffs approach. Even though the Redskins are assured of missing post-season play for a fourth straight year, players say recent games have shown they could have been a play-off team this season.

"If we had played like this the whole time, we'd be talking about January," said defensive end Stephen Bowen.

# 371

The number of yards that the Redskins offense is averaging the past four weeks after averaging 313 yards per game in the first 10 weeks.

The Redskins had no problem toppling the division-leading New York Giants 23-10 Sunday, and though it was only their second victory in the past four games, a team that sputtered its way through the fall again showed noticeable progress on both sides of the ball.

"I thought we played extremely well as a unit yesterday against a very talented offensive team," Redskins Coach Mike Shanahan said Monday. "That's coming off three good weeks of moving the ball pretty good."

The Redskins have topped 100 rushing yards four straight weeks, they've won the time of possession battle in three of the past four and Sunday against the Giants they forced more turnovers than an opponent for the first time



Redskins defensive back DeJon Gomes hits Giants running back Ahmad Bradshaw during Sunday's game. Washington pulled a big upset with its 23-10 win on the road.

**"You're always hoping that your team is improving, even though you might not have anything to play for except for pride."**

— REDSKINS COACH MIKE SHANAHAN

this season.

"I don't think it's just out of nowhere," said nose tackle Barry Cofield. "I think we've been competitive for the past four weeks, for the past month. I think we're getting better at the right time."

The modest gains are taking place without some of the Redskins' best players — Trent Williams, Fred Davis, LaRon Landry, Chris Cooley and Tim Hightower. At a time when the season could have nose-dived, players point out



## Hurting Helu

Rookie running back Roy Helu's franchise-best streak of three-straight games with at least 100 rushing yards came to an end Sunday against the New York Giants. Coach Mike Shanahan believes a couple of undisclosed injuries to Helu were to blame. "I didn't realize until looking at the film that he played hurt and didn't play as good as he normally plays," Shanahan said. Helu, who leads all active rookie running backs with 147 carries for 635 yards — 4.3 yards per carry — mustered only 53 yards on 23 carries Sunday and had a long run of only eight yards. (rwp)

they're playing some of their best football of the year, even if it hasn't always translated into wins.

And they have a chance to end the season on a high note. This Saturday the Redskins face Minnesota, which has dropped six straight and hasn't won a game since October. Then Washington closes out the season against a Philadelphia team that has been inconsistent from week to week.

Shanahan concedes that it's difficult as a coach to see your team perform well late in the season and not wonder how good it might have been had injuries not struck early.

"That's a part of the business," he said. "Some years you're very lucky. Other years you're not."

RICK MAESE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# 1,000

The number of NHL games that Capitals forward Mike Knuble will have played once he takes the ice during Tuesday's game against the Nashville Predators. Knuble — who will become the 269th player to reach the milestone, and the fifth this year — will be honored during a pre-game ceremony at Verizon Center. (EXPRESS)



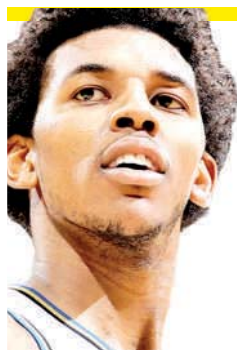
# Young Returns to the Wizards

Shooting guard inks a 1-year deal after testing the market

## The Wizards

Nick Young caught a red-eye flight from Los Angeles to Washington, signed his one-year, \$3.7 million qualifying offer with the Wizards on Monday and was back on the floor practicing with his teammates.

It was a rapid turnaround for Young, who grew tired of waiting for his contract situation to get settled and decided it was better to get back on the court with his team, rather than wait for some-



## Backstory

The Wizards had hoped to sign Nick Young to a long-term deal but were far apart in negotiations. Three high-ranking NBA executives said Young was seeking a contract starting around \$9 million per season, while the Wizards were willing to give him something closer to the mid-level exception of \$5 million, according to people with knowledge of the situation. Instead, Young took a one-year deal. (TWP)

thing else to happen.

Young wasn't totally pleased with the outcome, feeling that the NBA's forcing training camps to coincide with the free agent negotiating period damaged his leverage and made it difficult to get the

desired deal in a down market.

But instead of focusing on what didn't happen, Young will put his attention on what he can control with the Wizards. "I'm just taking it out on the league," said Young, who averaged a career-best 17.4 points

per game last season. "I'm not going to sit back and pout. Nobody owes nobody nothing."

Young went through the entire practice without any problems, but coach Flip Saunders was unsure whether the team's leading scorer from last season would be available for the final preseason game on Tuesday in Philadelphia.

"We'll have to see," Saunders said. "We'll have a shootaround and practice tomorrow and see whether we use him tomorrow, see how he feels and that. But we open up a week from today, so we're going to have to facilitate his progress, no question, over the next six days."

(THE WASHINGTON POST)



## LANGUAGE

### Quebecois?

Quebec is up in arms about the hiring of a Montreal Canadiens coach who can't speak French. The province's culture minister, Christine St-Pierre, didn't call for the firing of new interim coach Randy Cunneyworth, above, but she expects the situation remedied. The Habs said language will be a factor when a permanent coach is named after the season. (AP)

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# Sports



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New Nats outfielder Mike Cameron played for the Marlins and Red Sox last year.

## Nats Add Cameron To the Outfield Mix

**Veteran is insurance in case Harper isn't ready for the majors**

**The Nationals**

The Nationals agreed to terms on a minor league contract with veteran outfielder Mike Cameron, the team announced on Thursday. Cameron's role will shake out in spring training, reliant, in part, on the status of top prospect Bryce Harper. The signing indicates the Nationals could be willing to use a temporary solution in center field if Harper starts the year in the minors.

Cameron gives the Nationals an accomplished, experienced center fielder, albeit one who will be 39 years old in January and struggled last season in stints with the

Boston Red Sox and Florida Marlins. The Red Sox released him because of ineffectiveness, and the Marlins released him, reportedly, because he got into a verbal altercation with a flight attendant on a team plane.

The Nationals have spent much of this offseason trying to trade for a center fielder, but signing Cameron may indicate a belief that they will not be able to land the kind of player they desired.

They still could sign Cuban defector Yoenis Cespedes, who will likely become a free agent sometime in January, and the Nationals may view Cameron's addition as insurance if they do not land the super-athletic 26-year-old. (It could also simply mean the Nationals no longer see themselves as players for Cespedes.) (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## TV Lineup

**CAPITALS (7 P.M., CSN)** The Caps return from their trip to Canada in time to host the Nashville Predators.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL (8 P.M., ESPN)** Marshall plays Florida International in the Beef 'O'Brady's Bowl in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., 9 P.M., ESPN2)** Kentucky takes on Stanford, and Cinderellas-turned-

powers Gonzaga and Butler play in two nonconference games.

**PRO HOCKEY (7:30 P.M., VERSUS)** Sidney Crosby won't be in the lineup when the Pittsburgh Penguins host the Chicago Blackhawks.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (10 P.M., CSN)** Two top programs meet when Tennessee tips off against Stanford.



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# Get a Jolt From Java

New Rockville studio specializes in the Indonesian fighting style of pencak silat

When a pencak silat black belt throws a punch to an opponent's groin, it doesn't just look painful — it looks beautiful. The graceful Indonesian fighting discipline sure lives up to the name martial "art." It's been practiced in Southeast Asia since the sixth century, but you can try it a little closer to home.

**What It Is:** Traditionally used to battle outsiders, pencak silat is now being embraced by them. Over the past 40 years, the techniques culled from 800 various fighting styles from across the islands have been gaining popularity around the world as a way to stay in shape and hone self-defense skills. In the Washington area, classes have been available at the Indonesian Embassy since 1980 through the nonprofit Al-Azhar School of Pencak Silat, but Richard Subaran and Wona Sumantri opened Kliwon International Indonesian Martial Arts Center in Rockville in October to expose more people to pencak silat. "At the embassy, it's pretty much been closed-doors and by referrals, so having our own studio allows us to open it up to the greater public," Sumantri says.

Kliwon focuses on a form of pencak silat from Java that emphasizes rapid, fluid handwork and footwork. "[We're] very circular in our movements as opposed to something like karate or tae kwon do, which is

**Work It Out**



Instructor Randy Sumantri demonstrates how to wield a golok, a short machete that was originally used for opening coconuts.

**"At the embassy, it's pretty much been closed-doors and by referrals, so having our own studio allows us to open it up to the greater public."**

— **WONA SUMANTRI**, CO-OWNER OF THE KLIWON INTERNATIONAL INDONESIAN MARTIAL ARTS CENTER IN ROCKVILLE

very linear — straight forward, straight backward," Subaran says. Stances resemble how animals slink through the jungle and are often named after beasts, such as tigers and dragons.

**Moves:** The half-hour warm-up includes stretching (downward dog and cobra), strength building (push-

ups and side planks) and cardio (kicks and punches combined with torso twists). For the next hour, the class divides up by experience level to practice positions and combine them into fighting sequences that students work on solo before attempting with a classmate. For example, keeping your arms level with your face to block punches,

drop into a deep reverse lunge, shift your weight to the back leg and punch one fist up toward your adversary's groin. Then immediately shift your weight forward so you can kick the back leg out and hook your knee around your enemy's ankle as you simultaneously press the thigh with one forearm and push the kneecap with the other to bring him or her down.

Sparring becomes more complex — and brutal — as you advance. "You have to be very aware of where your body is," says Julie Fisher, 20, a student at American University who's taking pencak silat to earn a credit within the school's health

promotion program.

After a year of sharpening their skills, students start incorporating various weapons, including the kerambit (a curved blade made to look like a tiger's claw), the toya (a stick that's made for more than just walking) and the kipas (a dangerous fan).

**Workout:** Learning how to not get your butt kicked can really kick your butt. Even the instructor winced his way through some of the warm-up abs work at a recent class. The quick pace will have you panting, and the rapid transitions from squats to lunges leave you feeling more like a jellyfish than a wild predator. "Doing just lifting or sit-ups, you're working certain muscles. The conditioning here is more all-around," says Raphaël Shepard, 24, who has taken classes at the embassy, too.


**Crowd:** Although men and women of all abilities take the 90-minute class, everyone takes the lessons equally seriously. There's no time for chitchat, just focusing on the task at hand. Everyone is barefoot, and most attendees wear the traditional uniform — loose-fitting red shirts and white pants — but that's optional.

**Lingo:** Instructors mix in a few Bahasa Indonesian words to give commands. Students had better pick up quickly on "kiri," which means left; "kanan," which means right; and "pukulan," which means punch. STEPHANIE KANOWITZ

● **Adult pencak silat classes (\$109 for three per week per month or \$199 for an unlimited monthlong pass) meet at Kliwon International Indonesian Martial Arts Center (1609 E. Gude Drive, Rockville; Silatma.com) weekdays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. New students can sample a month of classes for free.**



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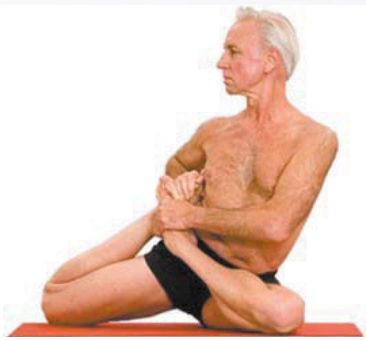
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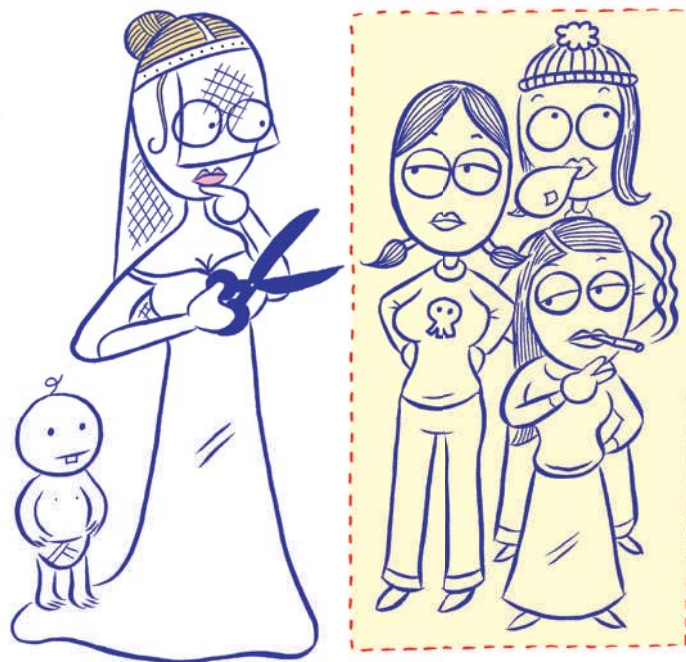
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## Not Exactly Your Kind of Music

**Q** I am a folk singer/songwriter. Recently, I found out from my husband that his siblings are planning to sing raunchy parodies of my songs at the next family gathering. I can't put my finger on why this bothers me. While I don't want to come off as oversensitive about the whole thing, it seems like they're making fun of my music. Should I say something or just try to be a good sport about this? PARODIED

What was your husband's attitude about the whole thing? There are ways that this could be done with love, and there are ways that this could be done that make you run from the house shrieking, wanting to poke your in-laws with a cattle prod.

Talk to him about your concerns, and see whether, as your loving, life-long mate, he can run interference. It's totally understandable that you'd be hurt to have your work mocked and also totally understandable that this might be a misinterpretation that's been blown out of proportion. Although it isn't cited specifically in most wedding vows, it's a spouse's sacred duty to help protect his or her mate's work from being turned into songs about body parts.



By Dr. Andrea Bonior

Send your questions to Dr. Andrea Bonior at [baggage@readexpress.com](mailto:baggage@readexpress.com). Andrea is a local clinical psychologist and author of the book "The Friendship Fix" ([friendshipfix.com](http://friendshipfix.com)).

## Fix It, or Forget About It?

**Q** Several of my friends and I were single for the longest time. A few years ago, I got married and had a child. I've since noticed a sea change in these relationships. None of them seem interested in my child or want to come to my house. Every year we go on vacation together, and I'm starting to dread these trips because of all of the negative energy that's directed toward me. Is it time to cut out these women?

MISSING WHAT ONCE WAS

It's very common for there to be friction after one member of a friend group couples off or has a child (or gets a shar-pei!) while the others don't. But without specific examples, I can't tell whether this is that typical tension or whether there's something more complicated underfoot.

Perhaps this doesn't have as much to do with your child as it does

with some other slight, real or perceived, or it could be that they feel that you're not as interested in them now that your life has changed. Pick the person in the group who you feel the closest to and have a private conversation about the tension you feel. How seriously she takes you will speak volumes about how deep this rift has gotten.

## Event Horizon

### Hold The Ice

If the thing you don't like about ice-skating is the fact that you're sliding around on a frozen puddle, you'll triple axel over the Zoolights rink at the National Zoo. Instead of ice, it's an "eco-friendly synthetic ice-skating surface" that's designed for all temperatures (including the 50s we're getting this week). Try it every night from 5 to 9 until Jan. 1 (except Dec. 24, 25 and 31). It's \$5 for 30 minutes and \$2 for skate rental. More info at [Nationalzoo.si.edu](http://Nationalzoo.si.edu).



# Boxer Advice in Brief

Fight off the holiday pounds with these exercises borrowed from local champs

You can dispute whether Lamont Peterson really deserved to win the unified super lightweight title on Dec. 10 at Washington's biggest boxing event in nearly 20 years. (His opponent, Amir Khan, certainly did — although the International Boxing Federation just denied his appeal of the decision.) But there's no question that Peterson was prepared for the fight.

The 27-year-old D.C. native spent the weeks preceding the event practically living at the gym. The same goes for the other local boxers in the ring that night: Lamont's 26-year-old brother, Anthony, a lightweight; and undefeated heavy-weight Seth Mitchell, 29.

When it comes to fighting off the holiday pounds, all three are experts. After all, there's no taking a break from the gym when you



Lamont Peterson performed ab twists with a medicine ball to train for the big fight.

know each missed workout makes you more susceptible to a knockout. So it couldn't hurt to pay attention to their techniques and consid-

er copying some of them to make sure you vanquish your next opponent. That box of peppermint bark will never know what hit it.

**"A few times I just wanted to pull [the gas mask] off. But I kept going."**

— LAMONT PETERSON, D.C. NATIVE AND NOW THE SUPER LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

**Playstation.** The term is a joke conjured up by the coaching staff at D.C.'s Headbangers Gym, where the Petersons train. There's no video game involved — it refers to an endurance routine that strings together a series of one-minute drills with no breaks in between. For example, one round might consist of (1) running on a treadmill set to the highest speed and incline, (2) holding dumbbells while punching as fast as possible, (3) jumping in and out of a tire while gripping a medicine ball, (4) lifting and lowering a 30-pound kettlebell and (5) hoisting up a medicine ball and circling it around your head.

For Lamont, Playstation is the

ultimate confidence builder. His lowest point: when coach Barry Hunter made them go through an exercise circuit while wearing a gas mask, which limits oxygen intake. "A few times I just wanted to pull it off. But I kept going," he says.

If that kind of training seems too punishing, try using lighter weights and decreasing the length of the workout, Hunter suggests.

**Core Moves.** Mitchell, who trains at Dream Team Boxing Gym in Clinton, Md., starts his every-other-day ab routine with 100 crunches. That's followed by 100 V-ups, in which he lies on his back and then brings his hands and feet off the ground until they meet. Next up, he lies on one side and does a side crunch so his elbow connects with his knee. "It keeps the sexy going," says Mitchell, who completes 100 of those on the left and the right.

For the final exercise, he holds a 40-pound dumbbell in one hand by his side and bends to move the weight closer to the ground (and target his obliques). He's not done until he has completed 100 of those on each side. "It's quick, intense and effective," he says of this killer combo. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



Kimberly Wilson, wearing a popcorn garland, photographs Labs fun.

## Crafty Use of Yoga Studio

Tranquil Space Labs plans to provide a new home for off-the-mat and off-the-wall ideas

"This is hard," declared 29-year-old Sara Askin last Thursday at Dupont Circle's Tranquil Space (1632 17th St. NW; Tranquilspace.com). She wasn't referring to a balance or a bind, the stuff that normally challenges yogis. Instead, her will was being tested by a thick-peeled orange that didn't want to get studded with cloves.

She was battling fruit to help launch the studio's newest addition: Tranquil Space Labs. Until Oct. 31, it had housed a spa, but new D.C. requirements persuaded owner Kimberly Wilson to get out of the massage business.

With the extra room, she's decided to get experimental. "The idea is to be able to try things out in a more intimate setting," says Wilson, who explains that even with three studio spaces, it's tough to schedule small workshops and off-the-mat activities.

She envisions holding movie screenings, charity benefits and lectures in the Labs, which can hold about a dozen mats. The space is also serving as the set for Tranquil Space TV, weekly videos on how to do certain poses and advice on advancing your practice. That's laying the groundwork for possible future e-courses on topics such as nutrition, detox and creativity. "I feel like innovation is so critical. It's important to be constantly exploring," Wilson says.

At the Labs launch, participants tested the limits of their crafting abilities

with the orange pomanders, popcorn garlands and pipe-cleaner snowflakes. Prosecco and nibbles got attendees into the holiday spirit. And it helped cushion the blow of losing the spa for Askin. "I'm going to miss it," she said. "When I got the email it was closing, I thought, 'Oh, my God, no!'"

But when Askin and other attendees heard about the plans for Labs, the response was more along the lines of "Yes, please." "I'd like to see some kind of cooking class, maybe Ayurvedic foods," offered 37-year-old Sheri Willoughby. Victoria Barth, 28, was on board for watching documentaries. "This almost feels like a bedroom — it's such a chilling place," she said.

So maybe the Labs can also serve the purpose of a spa even without any massages. V.H.



## Stethoscope



Soda looks tasty until you learn how far you need to run to burn 250 calories.

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## Running Away From Soda

The calories are listed on the back of each bottle of soda. But call teens' attention to the numbers — and what they mean — and that drink suddenly becomes less appealing, according to a study published in the American Journal of Public Health. Researchers posted signs at corner stores in Baltimore and checked in how the messages affected sales. "Did you know that working off a bottle of soda or fruit juice takes about 50 minutes of running?" halved the odds of adolescents' buying a sugar-sweetened beverage.

## CHILD REARING

## Anything for a Gold Star

Trying to coax a kid into eating a carrot (or cabbage or cucumber) with words is pointless. But if you have stickers, they might be willing to bite. A study published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that giving adhesive bribes to 3- and 4-year-olds helped improve their attitudes toward veggies they'd previously shunned. The kids were still willing to eat the produce three months after the 12-day experiment, which indicates lasting effects.

## CARDIOLOGY

## Don't Heart Snow Days

If you're bummed we don't seem to be in for a white Christmas, console yourself with the fact that snow shoveling increases the risk of heart attacks. In a newly published Canadian study, 7 percent of patients who visited a hospital with heart woes over the past two years started experiencing symptoms while clearing away snow.

# FUEL UP FOR YOUR ROAD TRIP

To Grandmother's house we go!  
But what do we eat along the way?

**The needle on the gas gauge** is edging toward E — and so is your stomach — so you pull into a gas station to refill both. Inside the mini-mart, bypass the high-sugar impulse buys at the counter and be on the lookout for these healthy choices.



**Low-Fat Yogurt:** Besides being a great source of creamy, satisfying protein in a portion-controlled cup, yogurt contains probiotics. These healthful, naturally occurring bacteria can help settle your stomach on a long car ride.



**Banana:** If you're prone to migraines while riding in a car, one of these may help. Bananas are rich in magnesium; a deficiency in this mineral can result in headaches and fatigue. Plus, a medium banana has only about 100 calories.



**Nuts:** Yes, they're high in calories, but their combo of healthy fat and protein can help keep you fuller longer and reduce your total calorie intake for the day. "It pays to get the most nutritional value for your calories," says Charles Platkin, author of "The Diet Detective's All-American Diet." If traffic jangles your nerves, opt for walnuts; research in the Journal of the American College of Nutrition found that their polyunsaturated fats may help buffer the body's natural reaction to stress. Whatever nut you go for, unsalted is best.

**Skip this: Protein Bar**

Unless you can find a brand you know and trust, you might end up with a bar that's closer to candy than a healthy snack. Some manufacturers jam their bars with sugar and artificial ingredients. (REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION OF WOMEN'S HEALTH MAGAZINE © RODALE INC.)

## Recipe File

## RESOLUTION SANGRIA

## Start to Finish

15 minutes active, plus chilling

## Ingredients

- ▶ 1 cup water
- ▶ 3 bags pomegranate tea (such as Yogi)
- ▶ 3 bags hibiscus and rose hip



The fruity flavor in this Spanish sipper gets a boost from the two kinds of tea.

## tea (such as Teekanne)

- ▶ 6 packets stevia sweetener powder
- ▶ 1 tablespoon agave nectar
- ▶ 1 teaspoon aromatic bitters (such as Angostura)
- ▶ 1 1/2 cups fresh cut-up fruit (such as citrus, grapes, apples, berries and melon)
- ▶ 5 sprigs fresh mint
- ▶ 2 cups seltzer water

## Makes Four Servings

In a small saucepan, bring the cup of water to a simmer. Remove from the heat and add all six tea bags. Cover

and let steep for five minutes. Remove the tea bags, pressing them to extract as much liquid as possible. Stir in the stevia, agave and bitters. Add the fruit and one sprig of the mint. Cover and chill four to 24 hours.

Fill four tumblers a third of the way with ice, then divide the chilled tea between the glasses. Add 1/2 cup of seltzer water and one mint sprig to each cup. (AP)



43 calories; 0g fat (0 percent calories from fat); 0g saturated; 0mg cholesterol; 10g carbohydrate; 0g protein; 1g fiber; 2mg sodium.



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## Speaker Of the Blouse



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## Kim Jong Out

**Kim Jong Il**, the North Korean dictator who died Saturday, was many things to his country: Dear Leader. Doting father. Crackpot autocrat. But only a year ago, his government's propaganda machine — which he controlled — declared Kim to be a global fashion icon, further proving

just how out of touch with reality the isolated country has become.

To bolster his style cred, the state newspaper quoted an anonymous French style expert as saying, "The 'Kim Jong-Il style fad' is rapidly spreading out to the world!"

North Koreans have been fed a lot of nonsense about Kim. For instance, legend has it Kim's birth was heralded by a pair of rainbows and a new star. But look at his bouffant hair, zip-up uniform and 3-D goggles: Really, North Korea? The idea that Kim's arrival caused an astrological shift seems less ridiculous than praising his "humble jacket" as a must-have.

Still, North Korea's statement on fashion reveals much about Kim. Like Moammar Gadhafi, the brute seemed preoccupied with making an international best-dressed list. Lack of sartorial respect seems to annoy some tyrants. Fortunately, we'll never be able to ask this one why.



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# Video Killed The Video Star

'I Want My MTV' traces the network's first 11 years — when music was what mattered

## Book Review

On Aug. 1, 1981, long before people were conditioned to want their MTV, Warner-Amex Satellite Entertainment gave birth to a cultural revolution. It was televised, albeit just barely: The nascent music-video channel was unavailable through most cable carriers, so hardly anybody could bear witness to its glitchy launch even if they'd wanted to.

The first video was an obvious one: "Video Killed the Radio Star," by the Buggles. Pat Benatar was next. MTV's arrival as an unstoppable youth-culture juggernaut came later, to the surprise of, well, pretty much everyone. "Hardly anyone thought it would succeed," we are told at the outset of "I Want My MTV," an enormous, wildly

entertaining book that covers the first 11 tongue-wagging years of MTV's existence, before reality programming began to push the music out. (Making videos also became prohibitively expensive, and all the good ideas had already been done, according to people quoted in the book. So, then, video killed the video star?)

It seems almost unthinkable now,

## Backstory

### Behind the Music (Television)

Presented as an oral history, "I Want My MTV" is crammed with quotes from hundreds of record executives; artist managers; video directors; fashion models; MTV executives and staffers; and, of course, the musicians. Their recollections tell the story of the channel's rise, with plenty of asides about bad hair, bad videos and bad attitudes. (TWP)

but videos featuring musicians and their songs were rare in 1981. In fact, there were so few circulating — and so few good ones — that MTV in its infancy would play nearly anything.

But videos quickly became important calling cards, rather than afterthoughts, and image was suddenly one of the most important parts of the pop calculus. According to Devo's Mark Mothersbaugh, "MTV changed the architecture of being an artist."

Before MTV hoisted Michael and Madonna onto the Mount Rushmore of pop idols; before it became one of the world's most powerful media brands, MTV "sounded like an asinine idea," according to Bob Pittman, one of the channel's founding fathers.

But MTV became a galvanizing force — perhaps the last one before mass culture splintered into a billion niches.

J. FREEDOM DU LAC (THE WASHINGTON POST)



**A Reason to Smile:** The founding members of the Beach Boys — Brian Wilson, left; Mike Love; and Al Jardine — are getting back together to celebrate their 50th anniversary. They're working on a new album and also plan a 50-date tour that will take them around the world. "This anniversary is special to me because I miss the boys," Wilson said in a statement. The group is expected to perform at the Grammy Awards on Feb. 12. (AP)



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# lookout entertainment



ISRAEL BARDUGO

## 1 First of Eight Crazy Nights

If you missed the National Christmas Tree lighting, you can check out the National Menorah lighting — there were no latkes or jelly doughnuts at the Christmas tree lighting, so you'll probably be glad you waited for the grub — and the menorah kits and dreidels that will be on hand. **The Ellipse**, 1600 Constitution Ave. NW; 4 p.m., free; 202-332-5600, [Afldc.org/ellipse](http://Afldc.org/ellipse). (Farragut West)

## 2 Christmas Pageantry

Signature Theatre takes a momentary break from musicals with plots for the Holiday Follies, a cabaret of seasonal music and standards that kind of sound like they might be about winter. Drinking is somewhat encouraged — it's nice to see that they're committed to many holiday traditions, including egg-nog abuse. **Signature Theatre**, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; through Thu., \$41; 703-820-9771, [Signature-theatre.org](http://Signature-theatre.org).

## 3 They're Counting on Him

Billy Wilder is known as the director of some of the best movies ever made — "Some Like It Hot" and "Sunset Blvd.," among others. Sadly, "One, Two, Three," the story of an exec trying to keep his boss' daughter out of trouble despite the fact that they live in East Berlin in the 1960s and she has a thing for a communist, is largely forgotten. **AFI Silver**, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Tue., Thu., 9:20 p.m., \$7-\$11; 301-495-6720, [Afi.com/silver](http://Afi.com/silver). (Silver Spring)



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# A Few Cards Short

In 'Deck the Halls,' mystery doesn't mix well with mistletoe

### Film

**TNT 9:00** Murder, mayhem and mistletoe mingle in the 2011 mystery "Deck the Halls," based on a novel by Mary Higgins Clark. Stuffed like Christmas fruitcake with too many coincidences, "Deck" stars Scottie Thompson as Regan Reilly, a fetching super-sleuth who just happens to be the daughter of world-famous crime novelist Nora Reilly (Jane Alexander).

Kathy Najimy is Alvira, Nora's most avid reader and amateur crime solver. She and her husband (Larry Miller) just happened to have won \$40 million in the lottery. And Alvira just happens to meet Regan at the exact moment that her funeral director father has been kidnapped!

While it's easy to be a suck-



Scottie Thompson stars in "Deck the Halls," a holiday-themed murder mystery.

er for scenes of dozens of Santa Clauses at a funeral home, this movie never quite settles on a tone, straddling the line between holiday whimsy and serious sleuth-

ing. If anything, this misfire succeeds only in making proven mystery/comedies like "Monk" and "Psych" look good in comparison.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

### Best Bets

**PBS 8:00**

**Lidia Celebrates America** Chef Lidia Bastianich checks out four holiday tables and traditions, starting with her own Italian Christmas Eve feast, moving on to a Mexican-American Christmas, a Chinese New Year and a Jewish-American Passover.



**FAMILY 9:00**

**The Polar Express** An animated movie unlike any other, director Robert Zemeckis' interpretation of Chris Van Allsburg's holiday story features Tom Hanks in multiple roles through a technique called "motion capture," which creates a pseudo-real look.

**BRAVO 10:00**

**Kathy Griffin: Tired Hooker** Details are scarce about Griffin's latest special, but if you're a fan, you know to expect some bleeping as she holds forth on delightfully indiscreet tales of the rich and fatuous.

**FOOD 10:00**



**Chopped** Former "Queer Eye" guy Ted Allen returns to host another season of this high-tension cooking competition show, in which four rising chefs are given scant seconds to make crucial decisions about how to use mystery items hidden in baskets as they try to prepare a polished three-course meal. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

### Specials



### Holiday Humor

The good news: "Saturday Night Live Presents: A Very Gilly Christmas" (9 p.m., NBC) includes such holiday classics as Alec Baldwin's "Schweddy Balls" skit, plus that unprintable duet by Andy Samberg, above, and Justin Timberlake about something in a box. The bad news: To get to those, you have to suffer through mind-numbing bits with Kristen Wiig's irritating Gilly character. Consider yourself warned. (TM)

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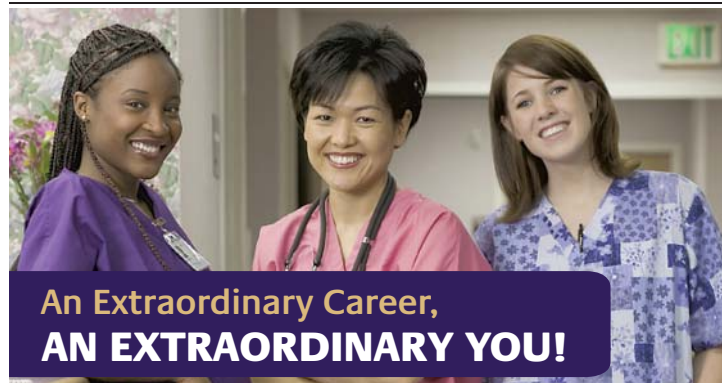
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## Fast Facts:

- ✓ Workshops meet for eight consecutive Saturdays from March 3 – April 28.
- ✓ Sessions run from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at various sites throughout Washington, D.C.
- ✓ Scholarships will be based on an essay, stories produced in the workshop and participation in all eight sessions.

- ✓ All students attending high schools in the Washington area are encouraged to apply. Students should contact their journalism advisor or media instructor for details.
- ✓ Applications must be postmarked or delivered by Tuesday, January 17, 2012.



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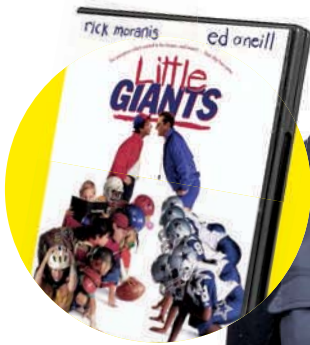
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▲  
“Nice try, Whole Foods, but matzo is for that other Jewish holiday you might have heard of called Passover. I know you’re really confused, but you can keep the matzo display in storage until around the time you bring out the agave-sweetened chocolate bunnies.”

— Emma G. Gallegos at **LAIST.COM** is not letting the upscale grocer off the hook for confusing Passover with Hanukkah.

▲  
“This is funny and cute and festive. ... I mean, she’s dancing with an oxygen machine that’s resting on her walker. C’mon!”

— Gavon Laessig of **BUZZFEED.COM** enjoyed a YouTube video of senior citizens at a Lawrence, Kan., Target participating in a flash mob lip-syncing and dancing to “Last Christmas.”

▲  
“Amazingly, Snowpocalypse was overshadowed by the Snowmageddon and Snoverkill storms of February 4-5 and 9-10 later that same historic season. Most years, Snowpocalypse would’ve been the storm everyone remembered. Now, it’s almost as if it never happened.”

— Jason Samenow of **WASHINGTONPOST.COM’S CAPITAL WEATHER GANG** has a little fun while remembering the two-year anniversary of Snowpocalypse on Monday.

▲  
“NOTE: NFL coaches are basically just stealing ideas from ‘Little Giants.’ ... That. Is. Awesome.”

— Andrew Sharp of **SBNATION.COM** loves the fact that Carolina Panthers head coach Ron Rivera admitted he got an idea for a trick play that his team used in a win over the Texans on Sunday from the 1994 movie starring Rick Moranis and Ed O’Neill.

▲  
“It was a battle between Anne Sinclair and Christine Lagarde, and perhaps this is a sign of how women are viewed in France.”

— **THEDAILYBEAST.COM** reacts to news that Sinclair, above — wife of disgraced French politician Dominique Strass-Kahn — was named 2011 Woman of the Year in a French poll, over Lagarde, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund.

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## Horoscope

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

An uncomfortable situation is likely to develop if you are not willing to say what has to be said when it has to be said.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're after something more at this time, but you may not know just where to look. Today, you receive a few important clues.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Keep irritations to a minimum by avoiding situations that you cannot control. Evening offers an unusual choice.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You may be surrounded by minor dangers that, taken one at a time, aren't all that serious. Together they add up to a major threat.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Strife at home isn't likely to be eased simply through compromise. Certain difficult issues must be faced head-on.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** That which is none of your business as the day begins is likely to be very much your business later on — and perhaps only your business, too.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You may be wondering how certain things happen — and you may witness a demonstration of fate that answers your questions.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Take care that you don't hesitate — or you may find that others are surging ahead of you in what is really a serious contest.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your involvement is not only sought, but is necessary — and others know that once you sign on the project at hand will be near completion.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Instincts and impulses may be frowned upon by others, but they are the best tools you have when it comes to facing the unknown.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Are you ready for what lies just ahead? Today, you'll receive an answer to that question, and you'll know what you must do.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Trying to transform a fantasy into a reality may prove quite dangerous, especially where friends and family are concerned.

## Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 228

E <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	G <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>

Triple Word Score

RACK 1

I <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>

2nd Letter Double

RACK 2

E <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>

RACK 3

E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>

RACK 4

### Yesterday's Solution

A <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	RACK 1 =	58
S <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>		RACK 2 =	10
B <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	RACK 3 =	92
D <sub>2</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	RACK 4 =	65
PAR SCORE 145-155							TOTAL	225

### FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

## Sudoku

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	8			5		3	
4		3		9			5
		5			1	6	
3	2		4	7			
			5	1		9	6
	1	2			4		
6			1		7		3
	3		8			5	

### Yesterday's Solution

4	1	3	8	2	9	6	5	7
6	8	9	4	5	7	3	1	2
5	7	2	6	3	1	9	8	4
3	4	6	1	7	2	5	9	8
9	2	7	5	6	8	1	4	3
8	5	1	3	9	4	2	7	6
7	3	4	2	1	5	8	6	9
1	6	8	9	4	3	7	2	5
2	9	5	7	8	6	4	3	1

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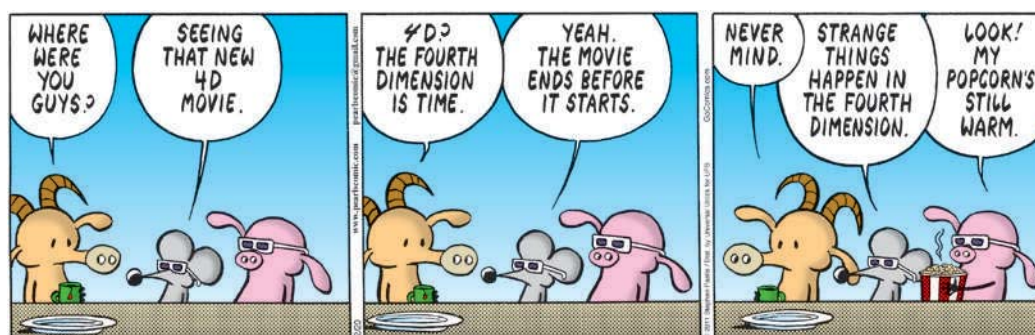
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**50 | 41**

**Today:** Mostly cloudy today. Occasional rain and drizzle late tonight.

**59 | 46**

**Tomorrow:** Breezy and mild tomorrow with rain. Clouds breaking tomorrow night.

### Looking Ahead

THU	FRI	SAT
57   43	57   37	47   38

### Sun and Moon


Sunrise today: 7:22 a.m.  
Sunset today: 4:49 p.m.  
Moonrise today: 2:42 a.m.  
Moonset today: 1:22 p.m.

### Almanac

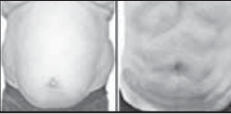
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## GREEKOLOGY

### ACROSS

- 1 Mai \_\_\_\_ (tropical drink)
- 4 Greek sandwich
- 8 "Little" film mouse
- 14 What an ampersand means
- 15 Copier paper order
- 16 Dunce's place
- 17 Three Greek letters
- 20 Companion of blood and tears
- 21 Burns up the telephone line
- 22 Santa's perch
- 23 Like Fridays, in some offices
- 26 Weightlifting count, for short
- 27 Edit menu option
- 30 Neighbor of Libya
- 33 Formal accessory
- 34 "30 Rock" star Fey
- 35 Jim Varney character
- 39 Three Greek Letters
- 42 Straight man?
- 43 Personal appearance
- 44 Negative conjunction
- 45 Like a bandsaw blade
- 47 Some snakes
- 48 Thousandths of an inch
- 51 Tarzan, e.g.
- 53 Santa \_\_\_\_, Calif.
- 54 Wise threesome in Matthew
- 56 Milker's perch
- 60 Four Greek Letters
- 64 Make certain of
- 65 Balm for your skin
- 66 Pub quaff
- 67 Oozed
- 68 "Once \_\_\_\_ a time ..."
- 69 Cop from "The Simpsons"

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- 8 Nonstriking worker
- 9 Attempt at a carnival booth
- 10 Paranormal showman
- Geller
- 11 Protractor measurement
- 12 Amend, as an atlas section
- 13 Rat catchers
- 18 Tex-Mex snack
- 19 Campfire oration
- 24 He may take liberties with women?
- 25 Radius partner
- 26 Rajah's wife
- 27 Where Mexican Hat is
- 28 Where Moses floated
- 29 "Fire" follower (abbr.)
- 31 Exchange for money
- 32 Nation south of the

- Caspian Sea
- 34 Allowance for weight
- 36 Long periods, geologically
- 37 Pull over
- 38 Spreads pitch on
- 40 Oil company with annual toy trucks
- 41 What unfriendly dogs do
- 46 Spread uncontrolled, as fire
- 47 Not a pro
- 48 Fabricates
- 49 Utterly absurd
- 50 Expire, as a subscription
- 52 Pale-faced
- 54 Full-grown filly
- 55 Between the sheets
- 57 Colorful stone

- 58 Norway's capital
- 59 "In \_\_\_\_ of flowers ..."
- 61 Baby beagle
- 62 Place to yodel
- 63 Dove sound

### Yesterday's Solution

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**1989** The U.S. sends troops into Panama to topple the government of Gen. Manuel Noriega.

**1999** The Vermont Supreme Court rules that gay couples are entitled to the same benefits and protections as wedded couples of the opposite sex.

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## People



## GRADES

## 'Could This Be Why I Didn't Get Tenure?' Profs Begin to Wonder

A New York University professor is suing the school, saying he was fired because he gave James Franco a "D" in Directing the Actor II. Jose Angel Santana says Franco missed 12 of the course's 14 sessions. "The school has bent over backwards to create a Franco-friendly environment, that's for sure," he told the New York Post. (EXPRESS)

## GUESS THE BLONDES SHE'S NOT Paris Hilton? Lauren Conrad? Nicky Hilton?

Billionaire heiress Petra Ecclestone posed for Flaunt magazine as if eating a stack of \$100 bills. Ecclestone recently bought Candy Spelling's \$85 million mansion in Holmby Hills, Calif. "With time, people will get to know the real me and realize that I'm not going to parties and falling out of my dress and getting drunk and all that," she told Flaunt. (EXPRESS)



Petra is also not, and never will be, a Real Housewife of Beverly Hills.

## Tech Support



## 'What Version of IE Are You Running, Ma'am? 6? Sigh.'

Nadya "Octomom" Suleman's new weekly Web series, "OctoTV," was set to launch Sunday, but technical problems intervened. "Her computer broke and it is getting fixed, so we had to push it," Suleman's rep told Radaronline.com. The show is now scheduled to premiere on Christmas Day. (EXPRESS)



AMY SUSSMAN/GETTY IMAGES

For her second Christmas, in 2008, Suri took her Mom to inspect New York City Ballet "Nutcracker" ballerinas for possible acquisition. They bored her.

## REQUEST DENIED

## 'Also, New Parents'

In Touch Weekly says it's gotten its hot little hands on Suri Cruise's Christmas list, the contents of which add up to \$130,000. The list includes a pony, diamond earrings and a "fairy princess gown." According to a friend, Tom Cruise has been busy locating a stable near the family's Beverly Hills, Calif., home at which to board the pony. "Tom and Katie love the holidays and always go overboard to make sure Suri has a magical time," the friend added. "They are buying absolutely everything she asked for!" (EXPRESS)



## COUNTERPOINT

## So, She Also Wants to Get Away From Her Paycheck?

An unnamed source says that Khloe Kardashian, who is moving with husband Lamar Odom to Dallas, is excited to get away from Los Angeles and her family, according to Radaronline.com. "Khloe has been telling her closest friends that she is thrilled about the move because she will be getting away from the constant family drama," the source said. (EXPRESS)

**"[Victoria and I] go to the same events, and we'll call each other to ask, 'What color are you wearing?'"**



— KATIE HOLMES TELLS ELLE THAT SHE AND FRIEND VICTORIA BECKHAM ALWAYS MAKE SURE THEY'RE NEVER SEEN ACCIDENTALLY WEARING THE SAME OUTFIT.

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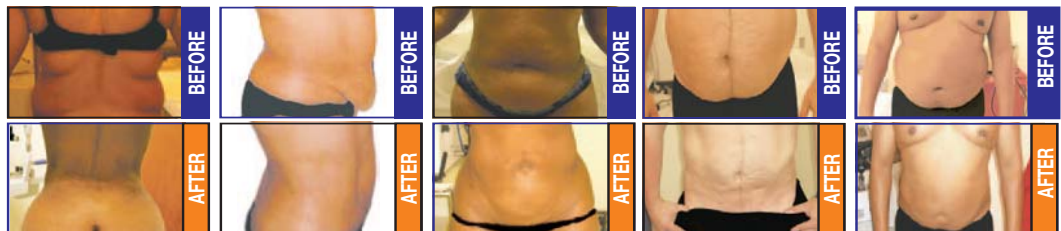
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